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EDITORIAL NOTES

* Mortgages are evidence of prosperity—to the mortgagors.

* It is stated that Governor Tilman will be re-nominated in South Carolina this year.

* A few more "supplements" if you please. "Supplements" are a good thing, when they are the right kind.

* Lincoln said, "Keep near the people for they are always right." Delegates to the County and State Conventions should remember that.

* It is stated that instead of an over-production of cotton, fifteen million bales could easily be used if all the people could buy what clothing they need.

* Cotton is selling at 5 and 6 cents a pound. Ask Gov. Holt why cotton mills are getting 16¢ cents for every pound of yarn they sell. Ask Gov. Holt why.

* It is reported that Partridge, the Chicago grain plunger, made or stole \$500,000 on the stock exchange one day last week. He is still at large with no hopes of his capture.

* God pity the man who cannot, after joining the ranks of the reformers, stand the outside pressure, and deserts his comrades on the eve of the battle. He is neither fit to live nor die.

* We are glad to hear that Davidson county is in good shape for the reform cause. Our esteemed friend Sheriff Griffith, of that county gave us that information some days ago.

* It has become sublimely ridiculous, this practice of electing men to enact certain principles into law and then having them sneak behind the gauzy excuse "twould hurt the party."

* We will have proof from all townships where men have been kept out of the primaries before the State Convention. If it turns out to be considerable, then you will hear some thing drop.

* By the way, that supplement was a pretty good advertisement for THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER. It was hardly dry from the press before we got three new subscribers in this city. They are still coming.

* Col. Dr. Kingsbury closes an editorial on the political situation as follows: "Prepare for what may come, and leave the rest to Heaven." Doctor, you had better reform before you quid editing editorials.

* Watch your delegates. Keep a record of who they vote for in the County and State Conventions. If they go wrong don't never honor them as delegates again, nor give them a chance to hold an office.

* And so the poor cotton mill men are compelled to sell their goo at 4 cents per yard. One pound of cotton at 5 cents will make from three to five yards of cloth at 4 cents. Now is farming or manufacturing the most profitable?

* Read the admirable address put forth by the Birmingham Conference last week, published in this issue. It is conservative, broad, patriotic and manly. Let all true Alliancemen rally

to the principles of our Order and stand by them and all will be well. Don't fail to read that address. It contains words "of truth and soberness" from our trusted and patriotic officials.

* It goes extremely hard with the professional politician to be obliged, thirty years after Lee's surrender, to acknowledge that the war is over. It's not the war of secession that really worries them, though, but the war of ballots in 1892.

* Bro. W. P. Edwards, Sr., of Little Rock Alliance, Wake county, has sold in nine months 264 pounds of butter from one cow. How is that for an Allianced cow? He got 25 cents per pound or six-sixty dollars. That will beat raising cotton.

* Rev. J. T. B. Hoover, the excellent Allianced Lecturer, passed through on his way to his home in Wilson county, last week. Bro. Hoover has been doing some fine work in Alexander, Wilkes, Surry, Yadkin and other counties in that section.

* We have heard that the great Chronicle "supplement" which we print on the third page this week, was held in the Raleigh postoffice, it not being a part of the paper and therefore contrary to the postal laws. But we send it whirling this week.

* The People's party convention of Texas will be held on the 23d day of June. The papers of the "Lone Star" State say that such a revolution will sweep over that State as has not been felt since 1860. All the reform elements combined and join in the call for the convention.

* Fairview Institute, Gibsonville, is just completing a new building which will add greatly to the facilities of this progressive school. New music rooms, chapel 60x70 feet, etc., have recently been fitted up at heavy expense to meet the rapidly-increasing patronage.

* Bro. C. C. Wright, of Wilkes county, Seward of the State Alliance, and Assistant Lecturer, was in the city last week. He will be one of the delegates to the State Convention from that county. Bro. Wright has done some hard and valuable work in the mountain counties.

* We have received from Col. A. W. Shaffer, of this city, a beautifully executed map of North Carolina showing the Congressional districts in colors. This is indispensable to Congressional aspirants in these days, and will be sent by mail, postpaid, to any address for \$1.00, by Col. Shaffer.

* From the press reports we learn that a number of "honest money" Democrat and Republican members of Congress have left Washington and gone home to lay the wires for a reelection. This, too, at the expense of the tax-payers and at the rate of \$16 a day for each absent member.

* Iowa Democrats are great free coinage chaps, aren't they? Notice how they voted in Congress? White and Butler the only ones that stood the test, and ten to one they'll hold themselves hoarse for Cleveland or some other gold bug candidate for President, says the Iowa Tribune.

* Let our friends in every part of the State send affidavits giving facts as to people being kept out of the primaries or other irregularities. Give us names of township and county Executive Committees that have taken any action against the people. We want to keep a record of them. They shall never hold another office.

* The farmer raises cotton at 6 cents. The mills get 16¢ cents per pound for the yarn—nearly three times as much for the yarn as the farmer gets for his cotton. The mill that spins and weaves both gets about 25 cents per pound. Cotton raiser, cotton consumer, will you vote for a man who belongs to this combination for Governor?

* Dr. D. Reid Parker, of Trinity College, passed through Thursday, on his way home. He had been to deliver the address at the 4th anniversary of the Alliance at Coble's Mill, Edgecombe county. He says they had a great crowd and everything passed off pleasantly. Nine new members were initiated and three applications received.

* Our little neighbor, the Special Informer, must have a kodak of the latest and most improved patent. The editor turned it on his candidate for Governor and secured such a good likeness that the State Chronicle, the champion of another candidate, characterized it as "a midnight attack on a Democrat." And in compliment to the Informer reproduces the picture, adding embellishments.

* For the first time in its history the last two issues of THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER attempted to aid the Democratic party, by calling on the people to rally to the primaries. We didn't do this for the leader's advantage or for the party name, but for what we considered the welfare of the people of the State. For this the paper has been roundly abused by the Democratic

leaders, so-called and the Democratic press. Fellow citizens this is the last campaign that we will try to save your old ship or its crew. Hereafter people must look out for a ship whose officers will not bore holes in the bottom all the time.

* The first number of the National Watchman, published at Washington by the People's party, has been received. It is edited by Mr. N. A. Dunning, one of the ablest editors in the country, and also one of the most thorough statisticians. It will keep up with legislative doings at the capitol and contain much valuable matter of all kinds. It can be a power in the land if it don't resort to partisan methods.

* The Southern Tobacco Journal says that tobacco manufacturers are losing much money by the many failures throughout the country, and asks if no one can suggest a remedy. We can. Let everybody join with the Alliance in the effort to get \$50 per capita in circulation, break up trusts and clean out the halls of Congress and put honest men in. Failures never will entirely stop, but if these things were changed there wouldn't be one failure in ten that are now occurring.

* Again we rise to ask if there is any use in Alliancemen "pledging themselves to vote for no man who does not stand on their platform and then vote with a party that does not embody them in its platform? Don't do it. You are no man if you do. Your wife should leave you for such an act, for you are not capable of taking care of her. If the Democratic State Convention which meets in Raleigh on the 1st ignores them no true friend of reform should vote the ticket.

THEY ARE NOT IN IT.

The papers continue to boom Cleveland and Harrison for all they are worth. The Democratic papers boom Harrison about as much as they do Cleveland.

We think both of them are out of a job so far as the presidency is concerned. Both are under Wall street influence. New York has been saying to the South "you must stand with us, get our 36 votes or have negro supremacy and the force bill." To the West they say "plow on, make grain and meat and vote as you please." Now the South and West are going to say: "We have two-thirds of the electoral vote of the country, such men as Harrison and Cleveland, and a Senate and Congress with the 'New England' brand don't suit us."

ALL CAN COME IN.

The Charlotte Observer says that if THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER tells the truth Chirman Eaves can go in a Democratic convention; Gordon and Shenck can come in; anybody can come in.

This is as true as gospel. If Chairman Eaves should announce that he wanted to cast his lot with the Democratic party the Observer and all such papers would laud him to the skies. Such things frequently happen. Shenck and Gordon can come in. We have known Democrats in North Carolina to stay up two or three nights right after an election guarding negroes that voted the Democratic ticket. Next.

TRYING TO SHIFT THE BLAME.

Some of the newspapers that have been so busy in circulating and endorsing Chairman Smith's proscriptive policy, are now trying to accuse the Alliance leaders of keeping the people out of the primaries.

The truth is that every Alliance speaker has been actively at work to get them to go in. THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER has urged it time and again. So it is plain that "the Alliance leaders don't carry the members around in their vest pockets." The people are in no mood to be insulted, and when the entire force of the State political press, Democratic machine men and local politicians were thrown in their faces and threats made, it is no wonder that so many resented it. In the face of all this, the Alliance leaders, for the safety of the State and to avoid negro supremacy, have fought valiantly against odds.

We hope the damage done by this proscriptive policy will not prove as great as some anticipate, and that wise counsel will prevail. If this is done and a first-class State ticket nominated, people will vote it, for they can expect no remedy for evils, mainly national, through the State ticket. All they want is men who favor reform, and who are honest, capable and willing to stand by the people. But if it turns out that this proscriptive policy has kept a large number of people away from the primaries, then no friend of reform can longer aid in carrying out the plan.

The Progressive Farmer from now until Nov. 15th for 50 cents. Make up your Clubs.

SOUND THE ALARM.

We warn the people against the conspiracy that has been concocted for the destruction of their liberties and for the enslavement of their posterity. Do not be beguiled or misled by the hypocritical promises of the enemy. As matters stand to day, the fight is not between the Democratic and Republican parties. They will not fight each other on that greatest of all issues—that crowning iniquity—our robber money system. They have been hand in glove in perpetuating it and fastening it upon the country. They will continue to do so, as declared by their treachery on the silver bill and by the cowardly submission of Southern and Western men since the vote was taken.

And now we venture this prediction: In the plutocratic States where Republicans have a clear majority in a Congressional contest, the Democrats will win them, and vice versa. We note that Wall street is securing the nomination of the same old gang of both parties in all those States. But the people are on the alert. Let them be vigilant and true to their principles. No device can be left untried for hoodwinking and deceiving the people. Let them be constantly on the watch. We learn that a corruption fund of \$500,000 has already been raised for the purpose of buying up papers with which to fight us. Let the patriotic people stand firmly by their principles. They yet have two powerful weapons with which to fight their just and righteous battle—their manhood and their ballots. Let them see to it that they do not surrender the one or throw away the other.

"The people must and shall rule," should be the battle-cry to lead us to victory.

WATCH THEM.

In a few counties people have been forced to stay out of the primaries. No one had any right to do this, but it has been done by threats and otherwise. We expect to watch the actions of delegates from these counties, in fact all the delegates. But we call on the people of every county in the State to watch their delegates at the county conventions and especially at the State convention. If these delegates attempt to nominate for Governor or any other office such men as Governor Holt or any other trust plutocrats, sit down on these delegates for all time to come. Some of them may want to go to Congress, some may want to go to the legislature or State Senate and some may want to be elected to some county or minor office. Watch them as you would a hawk. Include in this list all county and township chairmen, State executive committeemen and anybody else who has attempted or succeeded in keeping voters away from the primaries. Every one of these men, no matter in what capacity they acted, are traitors to their party and to their country. Watch for them. Put their names down on a list and swear that they shall never hold office on account of their action. We repeat, watch your county and State delegates. Keep a record of their names and the actions against the party, the country and your rights against your interests as citizens of North Carolina. See to it that all men who are working against reform in any way, and especially as delegates, are forever kept out of office.

AND THEY SAID "BOO!"

The Democratic or Third party organs in this State are a funny set. Chairman Smith issued his proclamation and they began to say "boo! boo! boo!" And this had a tendency to keep farmers out of the primaries, and it has done it in many cases.

All this reminds us of the old story about a man who wanted to try a new horse. He told his son to hide in a fence corner and when he came along to jump out and say "boo!" The boy did so. The result was that the horse ran away and tore up the buggy. The old gentleman came back and thrashed the boy. "Father," said the boy, "you told me to say 'boo' and scare the horse." "Yes," said the old man, "but I didn't tell you to say it so darned loud."

A SPECTACLE.

The races have been on at Washington for some days. Congressmen are hard to manage at such times. They get full of whiskey and then fill their pockets with cigars and money and go to the races. Many of them bet heavily. Speaker Crisp has much trouble to get a quorum.

The New York World artist has struck a happy thought. He has drawn a picture showing the interior of the House with a "book-maker" selling bets. The seats are all empty, the members being crowded around the "book maker." Such signs as these greet the eye: "All debate must stop when the gong sounds for the horses to start." "Discussion on appropriation bills between first and second races;

and on silver between third and fourth."

Now this is a pitiable spectacle for the people of this great country to witness. Their trusted representatives spending their time at races! We are glad to see that some of the papers say the "hayseed Congressmen" don't attend such things.

GLORIOUS NEWS!

We learn that the conference of the State officers at Birmingham last week developed the glorious fact that the people all over the South are aroused as never before to a sense of the great dangers which confront us. They are coming together and pledging their united purpose and determination to stand by our principles.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY.

The State Chronicle, of the 3d inst., makes a feeble effort to defend Gov. Holt's record on the railroad commission bill. It says Gov. Holt cast the "tie vote on a substitute motion to postpone the consideration of the bill from 9 o'clock one night to 12 o'clock the following day."

We do not doubt that. Through the efforts of such men, and by the aid of railroad attorneys, the bill was postponed until a legislature and Senate were elected that had backbone enough to pass it.

The Chronicle says a commission bill was before the session of 1884, but was so objectionable that nearly every member voted against it. Of course it was objectionable to men under railroad influence. The last one, the one passed, was "objectionable" to Gov. Holt, and it is in history that his vote and in fence was used against any and all bills ever introduced on the subject. All efforts to explain Gov. Holt's record on these matters has a tendency to make matters worse.

We do not blame the Chronicle for advocating Gov. Holt. It has as much right to do that as we have to oppose him. It is said that Gov. Holt is a large stockholder in the Chronicle. We do not know the facts. If he is it is nobody's business, but the reader can readily see why the paper should push his candidacy if such is the case.

ONE HUNDRED PER CENT.

The President of a South Carolina cotton mill recently made a speech in which he told of the possibilities of cotton manufacturing.

Said he: "We take a bale of cotton which costs, say \$35. We spin it and get \$70 for the product." Perhaps that was true, but now you don't get \$35 for the bale. You get less than \$30. But the mill man gets his \$70 for the product of the mill, or over 100 per cent. Of course expenses come out of that. But the man who sells a bale of cotton at from \$25 to \$30 doesn't make a cent—he loses. The mill, however, makes not less than 30 per cent. clear. These are facts. The Governor of your State is in this business. Better confine him to cotton manufacturing and let some other man draw his salary. The truth is, you cannot afford to vote such men into office. Down with all plutocrats.

BRING IT OUT.

The State Chronicle on the 4th said: "We have in our possession evidence that THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER has been suppressing resolutions adopted by some Alliances in this State disproving the course of this organ of the Third party and condemning the dictatorial and presumptive policy of Mr. Marion Butler," etc.

We are glad to hear this and hope that the Chronicle will jump right into the business. Nothing could please us better. We insist that the Chronicle do it. It has made the charges, now is the time. Don't wait until next winter, and don't bring out weak evidence against us like you have produced in favor of Governor Holt.

A LITTLE MORE HISTORY.

The Chronicle complains that Col. Polk is ungrateful. It says Gov. Holt appointed Col. Polk Secretary of the State Agricultural Society a few years ago, etc.

If we will go back a little further in history, we will find that Satan carried Christ up to the top of a high mountain and told him he might have a title to all the land in sight if he would fall down and worship him. Christ refused. Col. Polk is not ungrateful for past kindness, but he is not in the habit of worshipping either saints or sinners.

The truth is Col. Polk did not write or dictate a line of the editorials or anything else in THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER of the 3rd. He was attending to other business in Washington City and didn't know any more about what would be in that paper than the Emperor of China. The name of the author of those songs can be seen every week opposite "Associate Editor."

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A SLIGHT ERROR.

Last week we published a telegram from the columns of the News and Observer about the action of the Martin County Alliance, and also an answer from the Secretary of Martin County Alliance, showing that there was a false report out about the action of the County Alliance.

Here is the telegram: "REPUUDIATES THE ST. LOUIS PLATFORM (Special to the News and Observer, WILLIAMSTON, April 28.—All delegates to the Martin County Alliance, the Martin County Alliance have repudiated the St. Louis platform and have instructed the delegates to the Butler conference against the Third party."

On the same day (Friday) the State Chronicle had the following telegram: "EASTERN SENTIMENT AGAINST THIRD PARTY (Special to the State Chronicle, TUNIS, N. C., April 28.—Martin County delegates to the Alliance conference of May 17th, to vote against the Third party. The general sentiment in the eastern counties is to stand to be against the Third party in favor of Democratic unity."

While the heading of the two telegrams are different, and the words different, the substance of the two is the same. Being busy, we did not notice that one was sent from Williamston, which is in Martin county, the other from Tunis, in Hertford county; hence we made the mistake saying that the same telegram appeared in the State Chronicle. In the article we warned the people to be on the lookout for bogus and misleading dispatches, for it has come to be a common thing for them to be sent. It is also not unusual for such things to be written in newspaper offices. In the present case we did not intend to convey the idea that the News and Observer or State Chronicle had manufactured the special printed above. Our neighbor, the Chronicle thought it a fling at it. The News and Observer has not complained, but we say to you that indirect flings are not the style of this office. If we find it necessary to make charges of any kind, they will be made in unmistakable language.

WHY THEY WANT HIM.

We understand that some of the "high kickers" in Raleigh are working with might and main to re-nominate Governor Holt. They say that only a rich man like him can "contain," give nice wine suppers, etc., etc. We admit all that. Governor Holt can do all that. He can fill the office. But the tax-payers and the working, poorly paid people of North Carolina don't care whether the "high kickers" of Raleigh get to attend wine suppers or not. From what we understand some of them have all the wine and such things to make wretches of them, anyhow.

What the sensible people want is men for office who are opposed to a cent cotton, 30¢ corn, high interest, high freight and passenger rates and poorly paid labor of all kinds. They don't want officials whose life has been spent in the business of making a few rich and everybody else poor, and whose influence will be thrown in favor of that for all time to come.

MORE LEGISLATIVE HISTORY.

On the 4th the Holt organ, Chronicle, tried to explain Gov. Holt's tie vote the 6 per cent. interest bill. It says:

The facts are: When the bill reducing the rate of interest from 8 to 6 per cent. was before the Senate, an amendment was offered by a Senator as follows: "Provided, this act shall not apply to the counties of Buncombe, Madison, McDowell, Burke, Forsyth, Haywood, Transylvania, Henderson, Jackson, Swain, Macon, Graham, Cherokee, Clay, Mitchell and Stokes."

The exemption of certain counties is an old trick. This coming to a "tie vote" is an old legislative dodge. It is practiced in Congress. The Free Coinage bill was defeated that way a few weeks ago. The Chronicle says Gov. Holt did not vote against the bill, "simply voted that certain counties be exempt from the operation of the bill."

That is all right. Any fool knows that no bill would pass that would make the interest in one county 6 per cent., in another 8 per cent. A majority of those Senators opposed low interest, because they were controlled by the money power. But they knew it wouldn't do to go back to their constituents with that record. So this "amendment" was tacked on and Gov. Holt and his crowd voted for the amendment when they knew it would make the bill unconstitutional. So Gov. Holt and birds of a feather tell the people that they didn't vote against the bill, but for the amendment. Poor dishonest dodgers! The Devil applauds every time a Legislator takes such a long jump toward the yawning pit!

THE TRUTH, THIS.

By reason of absenteeism and general lack of cohesion it is difficult for the lower house of Congress to transact the public business. The House, generally speaking, has not been an especially wise one and has not done much to advance the party or the country's interest. Verily, Congressman Crain, of Texas, was right when he said that the Democratic party, like a coon, fights best when it's on its back—Charlotte Observer.